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In re application of: Finzel et al

Serial No.: 09/101,846

GROUP ART UNIT: 2872

Filed: July 17, 1998

EXAMINER: J. Henry

For: "CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES WITH
SPlicing CASSETTES AND OVERLENGTH LOOPS"
AMENDMENT "B"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231
SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

■ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 68	MINUS	** 68	X ---	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	---
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	9	X ---	() X 39.00 () X 78.00	---
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES (x) NO	() \$130.00 () \$260.00 ONE TIME	---
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$0.00		

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 08-2290. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 08-2290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-0200.

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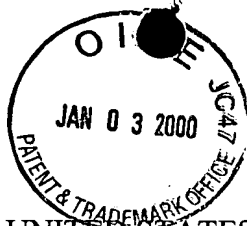
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 1999, which set a one-month period for response, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 18, change the line to read --cables--; and
lines 19-21, please delete these lines.

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[Please add the following claim:]

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1-72. Optical fibre transmission system according to claim 1, wherein a sealing connection of the pipe connection technology is a connection selected from a group consisting of welded connections, soldered connections and an adhesively-bonded connection between the pipe of the optical-fibre cable and the cable lead-in unit.